

June 17, 2015

The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Chairman, Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy
Ranking Member, Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Leahy:

We are writing to express our strong support for Stuart Delery's nomination to become Associate Attorney General of the United States.

We have held senior positions at the Department of Justice, in Democratic and Republican administrations, from the Reagan Administration through the Obama Administration. We are all familiar with Mr. Delery's work. All of us hold him in the very highest regard, and admire him for his even-handedness, his integrity, his exceptional intellect, and his superb legal judgment.

Mr. Delery has had a distinguished career in both public service and private practice. He graduated from Yale Law School in 1993, and served as a law clerk for Judge Gerald Tjoflat of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and Justices Byron White and Sandra Day O'Connor of the Supreme Court of the United States. He joined the firm that is now Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in 1995, where he was promoted to partner in 2001. He joined the Department of Justice in 2009, where he has served with distinction, including as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division and (in an acting capacity) in the position for which he has been nominated. His legal experience spans the gamut of civil litigation, internal investigations, criminal, civil and administrative investigations, trial-level litigation, and appeals.

We know that Mr. Delery is a person of integrity and civility who will be open to competing viewpoints about a particular matter and, with the benefit of due consideration, will seek to pursue the best interests of the United States. He has demonstrated throughout his career both great legal talent and sound judgment, central prerequisites for the job. He is also an able manager and leader, key skills needed to oversee significant elements of the Department.

Mr. Delery has our trust, confidence and respect. We are sure that, if confirmed, he would serve as a model government lawyer—committed to serving both principles of justice and the interests of the United States.

For all of these reasons we strongly urge the confirmation of Mr. Delery to serve as the Associate Attorney General of the United States.

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